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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 October 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

1. Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Frain et al (EP 0701334).

Regarding claims 1 and 5, Frain discloses an apparatus (radio receivers of radio base station and subscriber equipment) and method (See fig. 6 and page 7 lines 20-21) by which the radio receiver, in receiving a signal transmitted over a radio channel, estimates the impulse response of the radio channel based on a received training sequence RX_C included in the received signal, the method including a step of performing a plurality of correlations (CORRN, CORR 1, CORR2) of a correlation sequence derived from the received training sequence RX_C with a replica REF of the transmitted correlation sequence, characterized by a step of calculating the received correlation sequence derived from the received signal based on averaging symbols of the received training sequence RX_C (See figs. 3, 5 and page 3 lines 20-39, page 4 lines 5-27).

Claims 3 and 7 are rejected for the same reasons as set forth in claim 1, as apparatus.

Regarding claims 2 and 6, Frain discloses an apparatus (radio receivers of radio base station and subscriber equipment) and method (See fig. 6 and page 7 lines 20-21) for estimating the impulse response of a radio channel by which the radio receiver receives a received signal including a received training sequence RX_C for which the radio receiver knows a corresponding replica training sequence REF, the received training sequence RX_C including a correlation sequence having a first end and a second end, and also including an additional part at the second end, with the additional part the same as a corresponding portion of the correlation sequence at the first end of the received correlation sequence (See fig. 3), and likewise for the replica training sequence REF so that it includes a replica correlation sequence, the method characterized by: a) a sequence-calculating step, responsive to the received training sequence RX_C , of forming a calculated correlation sequence by averaging a predetermined number of symbols from the first end of the received correlation sequence with a predetermined number of corresponding symbols from the additional part at the second end of the received training sequence (See fig. 3 and page 3 lines 20-39); and b) a correlating step, responsive to the calculated correlation sequence, of performing a set of correlations (CORRN, CORR1, CORR2) of the calculated correlation sequence with the replica training sequence REF, the set of correlations including a first correlation CORR1 in which the calculated correlation sequence is aligned with the replica correlation sequence and including subsequent correlations performed with the calculated correlation sequence shifted for each next correlation by one or more symbols from the position in the immediately preceding correlation, so as

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to provide information useful in estimating the channel impulse response (See fig. 5 and page 4 lines 5-27).

Claims 4 and 8 are rejected for the same reasons as set forth in claim 2, as apparatus.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- Okanou (6,738,375); Piirainen (6,473,594); Suonvieri (6,259,919); Brunner (6,301,470); Katz (6,321,066); Chiodini (5,949,794); Piirainen (6,144,709); Meyer (6,002,716); Katz (6,289,005).

Conclusion


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tuan A. Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-7858. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri, 10:00AM-6:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew Anderson can be reached on (571) 272-4177. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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